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This is a request for filing a X CONTINUATION DIVISIONAL _____ CONTINUATION IN PART application under X 37 C.F.R. $\S1.53$ (b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/826,589filed on April 5, 2001 of

Ann Marie Schmidt and David Stern inventor(s)

for Extracellular RAGE Binding Protein (EN-RAGE) and Uses Thereof

Title of Invention

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application. X
- X A verified statement to establish small entity status under 2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

is enclosed.

- was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 3. The filing fee is calculated as follows: X

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| Multiple Dependent Claims Presented Yes X No | | | | | \$140 | \$280 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 |
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| 4. | <u>x</u> | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. $03-3125$. |
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| | | $\underline{\underline{X}}$ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. $\S 1.16$. |
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| 5. | <u>x</u> | Three copies of this sheet are enclosed. |
| 6. | _x_ | A check in the amount of \$ 585.00 is enclosed. |
| 7. | | Cancel claims |
| 8. | | Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:This is a continuation of application Serial No, filed, which is a continuation of Serial No, filed, now United States Patent No, issued |
| 9. | <u>x</u> | 27 Sheet(s) of informal X formal drawing(s) is/are enclosed. |
| 10. | _ | Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of he filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. |
| 11. | | Priority of application Nofiled |
| | | on in is claimed under 37 C.F.R. §119. |
| | | The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No, filed |
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| 12. | <u>x</u> | The prior application is assigned of record to The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York. |
| 13. | <u>x</u> | A preliminary amendment is enclosed. |
| 14. | x | The power of attorney in the prior application is to: |

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- The power appears in the original papers in the prior (a) application.
- X . Since the power does not appear in the original (b) papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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- Also enclosed: Express mail Certificate of Mailing No. 15. X ET735977609US dated September 19, 2003.
- I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of 16. prior application serial No. 09/826,589 as originally filed on April 5, 2001.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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REQUEST TO USE CRF FROM U.S. SERIAL NO. 09/826,589

The sequence information contained in the written Sequence Listing following the Drawings of this application is identical to that in the computer readable form filed in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/826,589, filed April 5, 2001. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed in that application as the

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